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Augusto Jorge HUGHES

ARGENTINA

Commander in Chief, Air Force;
Member, Ruling Junta (since
August 1982)

Addressed as:
General Hughes

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Lt. Gen. Augusto Hughes
was Air Defense Commander for
nine months prior to his cur-
rent appointment. Although
anti-United States during the
conflict,

Hughes realizes that Argentina
needs to cooperate with the
United States in order to purchase US aircraft with in-
ternational financing.

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Hughes backs the development of nuclear
technology for military uses.

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believe Hughes
was chosen to head the Air Force because he is considered
a professional Air Force officer with no political aspi-
rations.

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Hughes is critical of the Army command for spending too
much time dwelling on Argentina's defeat instead of
addressing the current economic crisis.

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that Hughes is a close, personal friend of Juan
Carlos Trimarco, Commander of the powerful Army I Corps.

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Following graduation from the Military Aviation
School in 1951, Hughes served with various air brigades.
He received flight and maintenance training in the United
States in the early 1960s. During the 1970s he served
successively as Chief of Operations, V Air Brigade; air
attache to Brazil; Chief of Operations, IV Air Brigade;
Air Force Chief of Operations; Commander, IV Air Brigade;
and Chief of Staff, Air Defense Command.

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Hughes, 51, is married and has five children. He
speaks some English.

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